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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following violations by the Kuwaiti side of the terms of the cease-fire and the instructions relating to the implementation of the demilitarized zone:

1. At 1630 hours on 20 February 1994, a patrol belonging to the Kuwaiti regime approached the farm of the Iraqi national Yasir Shafiq and opened fire with light weapons. Ten of his sheep were killed.

2. At 0600 hours on 23 February 1994, a three-man patrol belonging to the Kuwaiti regime with a Chevrolet pick-up truck abducted the Iraqi nationals Hamid Isma'il Ali (born in 1970), Wathiq Isma'il Ali (born in 1976) and As'ad Majid Abd Allah (born in 1965) while they were removing items from their private farms. The patrol opened fire on them in order to intimidate them and then bound their hands and took them inside Kuwaiti territory.

3. On 4 March 1994, the authorities of the Kuwaiti regime abducted the Iraqi nationals Fallah Abd Mahhan (born in 1980) and Hazza' Munawwih Mahhan (born in 1974).

4. At 0800 hours on 6 March 1994, the authorities of the Kuwaiti regime abducted the 15-year-old Iraqi national Ali Husayn Shafi while he was pasturing his flock and stole his 31 head of sheep.

5. At 1530 hours on 9 March 1994, four individuals from the Kuwaiti side in two Land Cruiser vehicles stole 17 head of sheep from the Iraqi national Adday Zahir Naddawi while he was pasturing them near pillar 89 at coordinates 598333. They took the sheep inside Kuwaiti territory before shooting at him.

6. At 1500 hours on 21 March 1994, a group of elements belonging to the Kuwaiti regime travelling in four vehicles abducted the Iraqi national Imad Kazim Hani (born in 1976). They released him on 22 March 1994 following the intervention of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) and after he had been interrogated by the authorities of the Kuwaiti regime.

7. At 1030 hours on 24 March 1994, while a joint patrol of Iraqi naval personnel from Umm Qasr and UNIKOM personnel was engaged in evacuating a number

of bodies found floating in Khawr Abd Allah 4 kilometres from the Iraqi shore and 6 kilometres from UNIKOM observation post No. 6 at coordinates 265110, the radios of the Kuwaiti regime's Coast Guard patrols impeded the operation by causing interference and overloading the hand-held radio equipment so as to disrupt communications between the UNIKOM aircraft and the Iraqi tugboat engaged in the evacuation, thereby bringing the operation to a halt.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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